

In the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

1 (currently amended). A composition for controlling termites wherin said composition comprises a molt-accelerating compound and a chitin synthesis inhibitor, wherein the molt-accelerating compound is an ecdysteroid analog—selected—from—the—group—consisting—of methoxyfenozide, halefenozide, tebufenozide, RH-5849, and chromafenozide; and wherein the chitin synthesis inhibitor is selected—from—the—group—consisting—of hexaflumuron, noviflumuron, diflubenzuron, flufenoxuron, chlorfluazuron, bistrifluron, and lufenuron.

2 (withdrawn). A method for protecting an area from termite damage wherein said method comprises providing an ecdysteroid to termites for ingestion, and providing a chitin synthesis inhibitor to said termites for ingestion.

3 (withdrawn and currently amended). The method of claim 2 wherein said ecdysteroid is a molt-accelerating compound.

4-5 (canceled).

6 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said ecdysteroid is selected from ecdysone, ecdysone analogs, and 20-hydroxyecdysone.

7-9 (canceled).

10 (original). The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is in a form selected from a cellulosic bait, a dust, and a liquid formulation.

11 (original). The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is in a bait in a durable housing.

12 (original). The composition of claim 1 wherein said composition is in a hermetically sealed bait.

13 (withdrawn and currently amended). The method of claim 2 wherein said ecdysteroid and said chitin synthesis inhibitor are provided in a bait comprising said ecdysteroid and said chitin synthesis inhibitor.

14 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said ecdysteroid and said chitin synthesis inhibitor are provided sequentially.

15 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said termites are selected from *Reticulitermes flavipes* and *Coptotermes formosanus*.

16 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said ecdysteroid and said chitin synthesis inhibitor are provided to a known infestation of said termites and said termites are of the family Termitidae.

17 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said area is a structure comprising wood.

18 (withdrawn). The method of claim 2 wherein said area is a forest.

19 (withdrawn). A method for controlling termites wherein said method comprises providing a molt-accelerating compound to termites for ingestion, wherein said molt-accelerating compound is other than halofenoizide.

20 (withdrawn). The method of claim 19 wherein said molt-accelerating compound is an ecdysteroid.

21 (withdrawn). The method of claim 19 wherein said molt-accelerating compound is an ecdysteroid analog.

22 (withdrawn). The method of claim 19 wherein said molt-accelerating compound is selected from ecdysone, ecdysone analogs, and 20-hydroxyecdysone.